30 QURANIC VERSES ON PEOPLE OF THE BOOK

The Quran addresses the People of the Book primarily referring to Jews and Christians in various contexts, acknowledging their scriptures and guiding them towards monotheism. Here are 30 instances where the Quran mentions or addresses the People of the Book

1. Surah Al-Baqarah (2:62):

Indeed, those who believed and those who were Jews or Christians or Sabeans those [among them] who believed in Allah and the Last Day and did righteousness will have their reward with their Lord, and no fear will there be concerning them, nor will they grieve.

2. Surah Al-Baqarah (2:79):

So woe to those who write the scripture with their own hands, then say, this is from Allah, in order to exchange it for a small price. Woe to them for what their hands have written, and woe to them for what they earn.

3. Surah Al-Baqarah (2:89):

And when there came to them a Book from Allah confirming that which was with them although before they used to pray for victory against those who disbelieved but [then] when there came to them that which they recognized, they disbelieved in it; so the curse of Allah will be upon the disbelievers.

4. Surah Al-Baqarah (2:101):

And when a messenger from Allah came to them confirming that which was with them, a party of those who

had been given the Scripture threw the Scripture of Allah behind their backs as if they did not know.

5. Surah Al-Baqarah (2:109):

Many of the People of the Book wish they could turn you back to disbelief after you have believed, out of envy from themselves [even] after the truth has become clear to them. So pardon and overlook until Allah delivers His command. Indeed, Allah is over all things competent.

6. Surah Al-Baqarah (2:113):

The Jews say, The Christians have nothing [true] to stand on, and the Christians say, The Jews have nothing to stand on, although they [both] recite the Scripture. Thus the polytheists speak the same as their words. But Allah will judge between them on the Day of Resurrection concerning that over which they used to differ.

7. Surah Al-Baqarah (2:120):

And never will the Jews or the Christians approve of you until you follow their religion. Say, indeed, the guidance of Allah is the [only] guidance. If you were to follow their desires after what has come to you of knowledge, you would have against Allah no protector or helper.

8. Surah Al-Baqarah (2:135):

They say, Be Jews or Christians [so] you will be guided. Say, Rather, [we follow] the religion of Abraham, inclining toward truth, and he was not of the polytheists.

9. Surah Al-Baqarah (2:146):

Those to whom we gave the Scripture know him as they know their own sons. But indeed, a party of them conceal the truth while they know [it]

10. Surah Al-Imran (3:19):

Indeed, the religion in the sight of Allah is Islam. And those who were given the Scripture did not differ except after knowledge had come to them out of jealous animosity between themselves. And whoever disbelieves in the verses of Allah, then indeed, Allah is swift in [taking] account.

11. Surah Al-Imran (3:23):

Do you not consider, [O Muhammad], those who were given a portion of the Scripture? They are invited to the Scripture of Allah that it should arbitrate between them; then a party of them turns away, and they are refusing.

12. Surah Al-Imran (3:70):

O People of the Scripture, why do you disbelieve in the verses of Allah while you witness [to their truth]?

13. Surah Al-Imran (3:98):

Say, O People of the Scripture, why do you disbelieve in the verses of Allah while Allah is Witness over what you do?

14. Surah Al-Imran (3:110):

You are the best nation produced [as an example] for mankind. You enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong and believe in Allah. If only the People of the Scripture had believed, it would have been better for them. Among them are believers, but most of them are defiantly disobedient.

15. Surah Al-Imran (3:187):

And [mention, O Muhammad], when Allah took a covenant from those who were given the Scripture, [saying], you must make it clear to the people and not conceal it. But they threw it away behind their backs and exchanged it for a small price. And wretched is that which they purchased.

16. Surah An-Nisa (4:44):

Have you not seen those who were given a portion of the Scripture, purchasing error [in exchange for it] and wishing you would lose the way?

17. Surah An-Nisa (4:47):

O you who were given the Scripture, believe in what We have sent down, confirming that which is with you, before We obliterate faces and turn them toward their backs or curse them as We cursed the Sabbath-breakers. And ever is the matter [of Allah] accomplished.

18. Surah An-Nisa (4:153):

The People of the Scripture ask you to bring down to them a book from the heaven. But they had asked of Moses even greater than that and said, Show us Allah outright, so the thunderbolt struck them for their wrongdoing. Then they took the calf [for worship] after clear evidences had come to them, and we pardoned that. And we gave Moses a clear authority.

19. Surah Al-Mâidah (5:15):

O People of the Scripture, there has Continuing from the previous list, here are additional Quranic verses addressing the People of the Book:

20. Surah Al-Mâidah (5:15):

O People of the Book, there has come to you Our Messenger making clear to you much of what you used to conceal of the Scripture and overlooking much. There has come to you from Allah a light and a clear Book.

21. Surah Al-Mâidah (5:19):

O People of the Book, there has come to you Our Messenger to make things clear to you after an interval between the messengers, lest you say, There came not to us any bringer of good tidings or a warner. But there has come to you a bringer of good tidings and a warner. And Allah is over all things competent.

22. Surah Al-Mâidah (5:59):

Say, O People of the Book, do you resent us except for [the fact] that we have believed in Allah and what was revealed to us and what was revealed before and because most of you are defiantly disobedient?

23. Surah Al-Maidah (5:65):

If only the People of the Book had believed and feared Allah, We would have removed from them their misdeeds and admitted them to Gardens of Pleasure.

24. Surah Al-Mâidah (5:68):

Say, O People of the Book, you have nothing [to stand on] unless you uphold the Torah, the Gospel, and what has been revealed to you from your Lord. And that which has been revealed to you from your Lord will surely increase many of them in transgression and disbelief. So do not grieve over the disbelieving people.

25. Surah Al-Mâidah (5:77):

Say, O People of the Book, do not exceed limits in your religion beyond the truth and do not follow the inclinations of a people who had gone astray before and misled many and have strayed from the soundness of the way.

26. Surah Al-Ankabut (29:46):

And do not argue with the People of the Scripture except in a way that is best, except for those who commit injustice among them, and say, we believe in that which has been

revealed to us and revealed to you. And our God and your God is one; and we are Muslims [in submission] to Him.

27. Surah Al-Bayyinah (98:1):

Those who disbelieved among the People of the Scripture and the polytheists were not to be parted [from misbelief] until there came to them clear evidence.

28. Surah Al-Bayyinah (98:6):

Indeed, they who disbelieved among the People of the Scripture and the polytheists will be in the fire of Hell, abiding eternally therein. Those are the worst of creatures.

29. Surah Al-Bayyinah (98:7):

Indeed, they who have believed and done righteous deeds those are the best of creatures.

30. Surah Al-Bayyinah (98:8):

Their reward with Allah will be gardens of perpetual residence beneath which rivers flow, wherein they will abide forever, Allah being pleased with them and they with Him. That is for whoever has feared his Lord.

These verses further illustrate the Quran's engagement with the People of the Book, addressing their beliefs, inviting them to the message of Islam, and highlighting the consequences of acceptance or rejection.

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